linx310 (credit **Don Thibert**):

I will get the romsets out shortly.

Actually the boat thing is a "sort of" glitch.

My version has a mix of the "**Karate Champ** (US VS version, set 1)" and a few roms unique to "Taisen **Karate** Dou (Japan VS version)" along with 1 completely unique rom not found on romident.

The boat is recreated by copying 1 rom from **Karate Champ** (US VS version, set 1) over the unique rom in my version. I suspect when the **Karate Champ** machine with the boat occurred after a repair technician thought it was bad rom and re burned it with one from the **Karate Champ** (US VS version, set 1).

Posting in excel file showing differences. My version is listed below. I highlight differences in the known version vs mine. Mine board looks 100% factory, including the rom stickers. My running theory is it is an early **Karate Champ** VS version that bridges the gap between the Japan VS version and the US VS version.

Rom	Orginal				
bs00	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs00.a1	gfx2	0
bs01	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs01.a3	gfx2	4000
bs02	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs02.a5	gfx2	8000
bs03	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs03.a6	gfx2	c000
bs04	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs04.a8	gfx2	10000
bs05	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs05.a10	gfx2	14000
bs06	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs06.c1	gfx2	2000
bs07	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs07.c3	gfx2	6000
bs08	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs08.c5	gfx2	a000
bs09	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs09.c6	gfx2	e000
bs10	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs10.c8	gfx2	12000
bs11	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs11.c10	gfx2	16000
bs12	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs12.k1	gfx1	0
bs13	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs13.k3	gfx1	2000
bs14	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs14.k5	gfx1	4000
bs15	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs15.k6	gfx1	6000
bs16	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs16.d1	audiocpu	4000
bs17	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs17.d2	audiocpu	2000
bs18	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs18.d4	audiocpu	0
bs19	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs19.d6	maincpu	a000
bs20	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs20.d7	maincpu	8000
bs21	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs21.d8	maincpu	6000
bs22	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs22.d10	maincpu	4000
bs23	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs23.d11	maincpu	2000
bs24	kchampvs	Karate Champ (US VS version, set 1)	bs24.d13	maincpu	0
Rom	My Version				
bs00	kchampvs	Taisen Karate Dou (Japan VS version)	br00.a1	gfx2	0
bs03	kchampvs	Taisen Karate Dou (Japan VS version)	br03.a6	gfx2	c000
bs06	kchampvs	Taisen Karate Dou (Japan VS version)	br06.c1	gfx2	2000
bs09	kchampvs	Taisen Karate Dou (Japan VS version)	br09.c6	gfx2	e000
bs21		UNIQUE CHECKSUM DC0D			

Ok I had a second to pull the PCB....this definitely does not look like a **bootleg**. I did notice some mods on the pcb that look factory. In fact if you do a search for **Karate Champ** pcbs on ebay and google images you will notice the exact same mods on several boards within a similar serial number range as mine. Almost all of the ones with this mod fit between 20000-21000.

I have yet to see a **Karate Champ** board set online with a serial lower then 20000 so maybe this was in the first run of the Player VS Player boards?

Oldworldman:

I am still researching your serial number theory. I found another board like yours in the 20,000 to 21000 range. Like 20,800. Has the mods too.

Linx310:

So here is the story on these. They are not bootlegs but early production Karate Champ player vs player boards for the US market.

The US version of Karate Champ seem to start at about serial number 20,000. Boards with serial numbers between 20,000-21,000 have similar factory mods on them just like mine does.

If you take a look at the board the rom stickers all match the factory stickers. All the board chips, stickers, numbers, ect match other official boards. Not saying some one could fake it, but for such an old game that is highly unlikely.

After dumping the roms I ran rom checks.

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The "Deserves the Fair" tiles are actually in the Taisen Karate Dou (Japan VS version) version of the game but not used. So they are not bootleged or hacked.

If I had to guess, from looking at the Taisen Karate Dou tile sets they knew they were going to do a US release because all the translations are there. The only difference is instead of "My Hero" as found in the later US sets it says "My Here Deserves the fair".

So for the early runs of the English version they edited the machine code to point to the US speaking bubbles and swapped to the English Audio roms.

After some of these went out they noticed "My hero deserves the fair" makes no sense so they updated the rom to just say "My Hero" like the version every one knows about and made a few other fixes.